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In re Application of

Gellman et al

Serial No.: 10/774,826

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Title: Devices for Minimally Invasive Pelvic:

Surgery

DECISION PETITION

This is in response to the petition applicant filed on September 10, 2004 to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII, thus the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact Richard Bertsch by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 3700 or by telephone at (571)272-4050 or by facsimile transmission at (703)872-9306.

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